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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points on April 7 to MFA Subdirector General for Human Rights Fernando Fernandez Arias and to MFA Assistant Subdirector General for the Middle East Teresa Lizaranzu. Lizaranzu said that the issue of Iranian treatment of the Bahai was very much a priority and that the EU had made numerous in Tehran calling for protection of their rights. She said the next GAERC would include a specific point expressing concern regarding the conditions of the Bahai and other minorities in Iran. Lizaranzu said these efforts took place in the context of a broader push by the EU for improved human rights practices by the government of Iran.

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